# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:339
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2000
STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT BOARDS
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have received requests from the State Governments to establish separate Statutory Development Boards for certain regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) since when these requests are pending with the Union Government;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to establish separate Statutory Development Boards for these regions at the earliest, particularly in the case of Konkan region?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 339 FOR 12.12 RELATING TO STATUTORY DEVELOPMENT BOARDS.

(a) to (e): The provision for setting up Statutory Development Boards under Article 371 (2) applies only to the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat. Proposals have been received for:

(i) Setting up a Statutory Development Board for Kutch, from the Government of Gujarat.

(ii) Setting up a Statutory Development Board for Konkan, from the Government of Maharashtra.

2. The proposal for setting up a Statutory Development Board for Kutch in Guarat was received in October, 1994.The matter remained pending due to rapidly changing political scenario in Gujarat. In August, 1999 the State Government of Gujarat informed that they have decided to send a team of officers to study the working of the existing Development Boards in Maharashtra and after assessment of their report, the views of the Government of Gujarat on establishment of Statutory Development Board for Kutch would be sent to the Union Government. It has, therefore, been decided to maintain the status quo in the matter for the present. The views of the Government of Gujarat have not been received as yet.

3. A proposal for establishment of a separate Development Board for Konkan was received in March, 1989.In March, 1994, three Statutory Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra were setup.While considering the proposal of the Government of Maharashtra for extension of the term of the existing three Development Boards in Maharashtra, a demand for setting up a separate Development Board was again received from the State Government.While examining the mater, it was considered advisable to ascertain the effectiveness with which the three existing Development Boards in the State had worked towards attaining the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India.Accordingly, the Planning Commission was requested to undertake a detailed study. The Planning Commission has intimated that the evaluation report is expected to be ready by December, 2000.